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# Bomb kills two in Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A nail-packed bomb killed an American Green Beret and a Filipino on Wednesday outside a restaurant near a base in the troubled southern Philippines, where the U.S. military helped in the fight against al-Qaida-linked rebels this year.

The blast, from a bomb hidden on a motorcycle, wounded 21 people outside the restaurant, which is frequented by U.S. and Filipino soldiers, in the city of Zamboanga, officials said. Television footage showed a pool of blood and unconscious victims — some with their shirts bloodied — being loaded into ambulances.

No one claimed responsibility for the blast. Suspicion fell on Muslim extremists like the al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf group and communist rebels who had threatened earlier in the day to attack police and military installations.

Security had already been tightened in advance of an Oct. 12 Christian festival in the middle of the southern islands that make up the archipelago's Muslim heartland. Amid worries over further attacks, more troops were being sent in, and checkpoints were set up on major roads and outside the city's power plant.

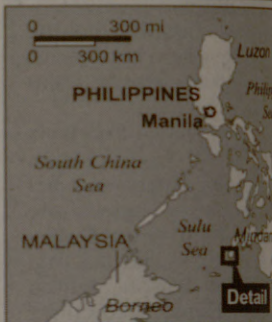
A homemade bomb also went off Wednesday near the perimeter fence of a police headquarters in Imus town, in Cavite province south of Manila, damaging a parked car but causing no injuries, GMA7 television reported.

In addition, police walked sniffer dogs through 18 stations for an elevated train line running through Manila after receiving intelligence reports that communist rebels might stage an attack there Wednesday.

A Philippine military official said officials were trying to see if the two situations were linked

## Explosion kills two

An explosion outside a bar frequented by U.S. troops killed an American soldier and a Filipino, and wounded at least 21 others Wednesday.



SOURCES: Associated Press; ESR

to the blast in Zamboanga, 50 miles south of Manila.

Some 1,200 U.S. troops were deployed this year in the Philippines to train the country's southern islands. After the training exercise ended in Manila, the troops left, except for about 272 U.S. soldiers who remained most in Zamboanga, for a humanitarian mission on Basilan Island, once the center of Abu Sayyaf operations.

The 9 p.m. blast in Zamboanga ripped the roof of a small wooden house and damaged six shops across the street from the Camp Enrile army base, where some U.S. troops have been staying.

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### NEWS IN BRIEF

**Industrial robot sale plummets because of economic trouble**  
GENEVA (AP) — Sales of industrial robots have plummeted in Japan and the United States but the potential for growth remains huge, and the next few years will see thousands of smaller machines introduced to clean windows, milk cows and lead museum tours, according to a U.N. report.

The annual World Robotics Survey, released Thursday, said economic problems pushed down investment in robots by 40 percent last year in Japan and by 17 percent in the United States.

"The robot business was booming in Japan in the 1980s and early 1990s," said the 380-page study, issued by the U.N. Economic Commission for Europe and the International Federation of Robotics.

**Fireworks explode killing home owner and injuring children**  
MEXICO CITY (AP) — Fireworks caused a massive explosion at a house near the U.S. border Tuesday, killing the home's owner and injuring 10 people, including seven children.

The blast destroyed the home of Zeferino Sanchez, and tened several other houses nearby, and damaged a half dozen homes in the town of Nuevo Progreso, the country's defense department said in a news release. Sanchez was killed in the explosion.

Texans living as far as 100 miles away felt the blast, Texas media reported.

The 12 injured included seven children between the ages of 1 and 12 years old.

Authorities did not provide details as to the amount of fireworks in the house and did not say what caused the fireworks to explode.

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